

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, it was noted in paragraph 2 that the proposed drawing correction and substitute sheets filed on June 30, 2004 have been accepted. However, it would appear from page 7, paragraph 10.2 of the Office Action that somehow there may be other objections that are being raised by the Examiner with regard to these drawings, but they have not been specified in this Office Action.

For purposes of the present responsive amendment, the Applicant assumes that the earlier proposed drawing corrections have corrected all the deficiencies as outlined in the first Office Action and therefore no further action with respect to the drawings is now necessary.

In the most recent Office Action, claims 1-13, 21-24 and 26-34 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sections 101; 103 and 112, second paragraph.

These claims have been amended consistent with the agreement reached with the Examiner during the most recent telephone interview which is summarized in the paragraph, below.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED ON DECEMBER 20, 2004

On the date noted above, attorney George Grigel, Reg. No. 31,166 conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Edward Cosimano to discuss the recent Office Action and proposed amendments to the claims which would place these claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended the claims consistent with the telephone interview as earlier conducted, and which is correctly summarized in the Examiner's interview summary dated December 27, 2004. It is believed that these claims are now in condition for allowance and

overcome the rejections previously provided with respect to 35 U.S.C. Sections 101; 103 and 112, respectively.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Cosimano for his courteous cooperation with respect to this previous interview.


In view of the foregoing, it would appear that this application is now in condition for allowance and prompt Notice of Allowance of claims 1-35 is respectfully requested in the Office's next action.

Applicant, by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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